

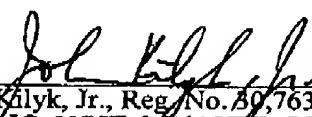
In re Appln. of Nakagawa et al.  
Application No. 09/705/838

*REMARKS*

Claims 1, 2, 7-12, and 16-20 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to incorporate the features of claims 6 and 15, respectively. Claims 6 and 15, therefore, have been cancelled as redundant. Claim 7 has been amended to correct its improper dependency on a canceled claim. No new matter has been added by way of these claim amendments.

The Examiner indicated in a telephone discussion with the undersigned representative of applicants that the claim amendments recited herein would place the application in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding the claim amendments or the patent application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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